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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 838**

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**Introduced by Senator Knight**

February 21, 2003

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An act to add Section 1104.3 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, ~~making an appropriation therefor~~, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 838, as amended, Knight. Veterans' homes.

The Veterans' Homes Bond Act of 2000 requires the proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under that act to be deposited in a newly established Veterans' Home Fund. That act requires that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the moneys in that fund be allocated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the construction and renovation of veterans' homes, ~~and be allocated first to meet state funding requirements for the construction or renovation of those veterans' homes identified by a specified statute.~~

~~This bill would appropriate \$485,000 from the Veterans' Home Fund to the department for allocation to the California Veterans Home Project Team.~~ *homes. Existing law continuously appropriates, subject to the approval of the Department of Finance, moneys in the Veterans' Home Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$31,000,000, to the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet state funding requirements for the construction of veterans' homes in Lancaster, Saticoy, and West Los Angeles.*

*This bill would establish the Department of General Services as the lead and responsible agency for the construction, design, or equipping of veterans' homes in Lancaster, Saticoy, and West Los Angeles.*

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: ~~yes~~—no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1104.3 is added to the Military and  
2 Veterans Code, to read:

3 ~~1104.3. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government~~  
4 ~~Code, an amount, not to exceed the sum of four hundred~~  
5 ~~eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000), is hereby continuously~~  
6 ~~appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, from the Veterans'~~  
7 ~~Home Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation~~  
8 ~~to the California Veterans Home Project Team to be used for~~  
9 ~~purposes described in Section 1104.~~

10 *1104.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*  
11 *Department of General Services shall be the lead and responsible*  
12 *agency for the construction, design, and equipping of veterans'*  
13 *homes in Lancaster, Saticoy, or West Los Angeles, as set forth in*  
14 *Section 1104.2, as added by Chapter 219 of the Statutes of 2002.*

15 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
16 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety  
17 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go  
18 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

19 In order to provide necessary resources to construct and  
20 improve veterans' homes to provide adequate facilities for the care  
21 of the increasing numbers of veterans that are in urgent need of  
22 medical attention, it is necessary that this act take effect  
23 immediately.